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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE CONCERN OVER INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES

1. FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE BEEN WONDERING WHEN SINGAPORE
AUTHORITIES WOULD BEGIN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RAPIDLY
INCREASING NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES BEING HANDED HERE
FROM VESSELS PICKING THEM UP IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THAT
TIME SEEMS TO HAVE COME.

2. LATEST GROUP OF REFUGEES TO ARRIVE WAS A PARTY OF 45
LANDED ON JUNE 6 FROM A NORWEGIAN TANKER. REFUGEES ARE
BEING HOUSED BY UNHCR AND NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED
AN UNDERTAKING THAT ALL 45 WILL BE ACCEPTED BY NORWAY IF NO
OTHER COUNTRY DOES SO. THIS ARRIVAL BRINGS TOTAL NUMBER OF
REFUGEES NOW IN SINGAPORE AWAITING ONWARD MOVEMENT TO 456,
A FIGURE THAT WE NOTE FROM THE WEEKLY REPORT EXCEEDS THE
NUMBER CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG.

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3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE SINGAPORE IMMIGRATION
OFFICIAL DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF PROCESSING INCOMING REFUGEES
TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE NORWEGIAN VESSEL TO
EXPRESS HIS GROWING CONCERN OVER THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FLOWING
INTO THE COUNTRY AND THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TASK OF FINDING
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THEM. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT ANY

CHANGE IN SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD THE REFUGEES IS
IMMINENT, HIS REMARKS INDICATE THAT THE GOS MAY BE GETTING
UNEASY OVER THE CONSTANT INCREASE IN NUMBERS.
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